GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3410
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COAL WASHERIES
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the indigenous coal has more percentage of ash;

(b) if so, whether the Government emphasize upon the collieries to set up coal-washeries near the 'pit hole';

(c) if so, the number of coal washeries setup and functioning as on date; and

(d) the steps being taken by the government to help the collieries in implementing their orders ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Government does not emphasize upon collieries to have coal washeries at the pit hole(pit head).

(c): At present 19 washeries have been functioning and are operating under CIL.

(d): As per notification of the Ministry of Environment and Forest, all the thermal power plants located at a distance beyond 1000 Kms from the pithead or located in Urban Areas/Sensitive areas/Critically polluted areas irrespective of distance must use coal with ash content not exceeding 34% on and from 1st June, 2001. Ministry of Powerhas constituted a committee under convenership of Member Thermal, CEA for looking into the various aspects connectedwith the implementation of a the above MOEF's notification. CIL and its subsidiaries are in turn interacting with the consumers to work out a programme for implementation of MOEF's order.